

Hon. Ronald B. Leighton

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

ALLENMORE MEDICAL INVESTORS,
LLC, a Washington limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,
a municipal corporation; MARILYN
STRICKLAND, an individual; LAUREN
WALKER, an individual; RYAN MELLO, an
individual; JAKE FEY, an individual;
VICTORIA WOODARDS, an individual;
MARTY CAMPBELL, an individual; DAVID
BOE, an individual;, and JOHN DOE 1-20,

Defendants.

No. 3:14-cv-05717-RBL

FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

For its First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff Allenmore Medical Investors, LLC alleges:

I. PARTIES

1. Plaintiff Allenmore Medical Investors, LLC ("AMI") is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Washington. AMI has paid all required fees and may lawfully maintain this action. AMI was at all relevant times the developer of the commercial project located at 1965 South Union Avenue, Tacoma, Washington now known as Allenmore Marketplace.



1 2. Defendant City of Tacoma, Washington (“City of Tacoma” or “City”) is a
2 municipal corporation and has authority and responsibility for issuance of building permits,
3 land use approvals, parcel configuration approvals including boundary line adjustments, and
4 other approvals for real property developments within the City of Tacoma.

5 3. Defendant Marilyn Strickland is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint
6 the Mayor of the City of Tacoma and a member of the Tacoma City Council. All acts and
7 omissions of Defendant Strickland alleged herein were done by her in her official capacities.

8 4. Defendant Lauren Walker is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint a
9 member of the Tacoma City Council and was during certain relevant times the Deputy Mayor
10 of the City of Tacoma. All acts and omissions of Defendant Walker alleged herein were done
11 by her in her official capacities.

12 5. Defendant Ryan Mello is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint a
13 member of the Tacoma City Council. All acts and omissions of Defendant Mello alleged
14 herein were done by him in his official capacity.

15 6. Defendant Jake Fey was at all times relevant to this Complaint a member of
16 the Tacoma City Council. All acts and omissions of Defendant Fey alleged herein were done
17 by him in his official capacity.

18 7. Defendant Victoria Woodards is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint
19 a member of the Tacoma City Council. All acts and omissions of Defendant Woodards
20 alleged herein were done by her in her official capacity.

21 8. Defendant Marty Campbell is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint a
22 member of the Tacoma City Council. All acts and omissions of Defendant Campbell alleged
23 herein were done by him in his official capacity.

24 9. Defendant David Boe is and was at all times relevant to this Complaint a
25 member of the Tacoma City Council. All acts and omissions of Defendant Boe alleged herein
26 were done by him in his official capacity. Defendants Strickland, Walker, Mello, Fey,



1 Woodards, Campbell, Boe are referred to herein collectively as the "Individual Defendants."

2 10. Defendants John Doe 1-20 are public officers and employees of the City of
3 Tacoma other than the above-named defendants, and persons not employed by the City of
4 Tacoma, whose identities are presently unknown and who acted on behalf of the City and the
5 individual defendants named above to carry out the wrongful actions described in this
6 Complaint. Plaintiff will identify the John Doe defendants after adequate opportunity for
7 discovery has been provided.

8 II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

9 11. The court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.

10 12. Venue is proper in the Western District of Washington pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
11 1391 because (a) defendants reside in this district and (b) a substantial part of the events and
12 omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, and the property that is the subject of the action is
13 situated, in this district.

14 III. FACTS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS

15 13. In February 2010, JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. contracted to purchase
16 real property located in Tacoma, Washington then owned by the Tacoma Lodge No. 174 of
17 the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks (the "Elks Lodge Property" and "the Elks,"
18 respectively). The Elks Lodge Property consisted of approximately eighteen (18) acres of real
19 property located between Union and Cedar Avenues, north of South 23rd Street, in the City of
20 Tacoma.

21 14. JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. is a Washington corporation and an affiliate
22 of AMI. In May 2011, JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. assigned to AMI all of JLO
23 Washington Enterprises, Inc.'s right, title, powers and interest in the purchase and sale
24 agreement with the Elks and the Elks Lodge Property, and AMI accepted the assignment. An
25 "Assignment of Buyer's Interest in Purchase and Sale Agreement" was recorded on June 14,
26 2011 in the real property records of Pierce County, Washington under Recording Number



1 201106140566.

2 15. In December 2010, JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. filed a State
3 Environmental Protection Act ("SEPA") application together with a building (grade and fill)
4 permit application with the City of Tacoma, including all required studies and backup to
5 support the applications. The primary development project described in the SEPA application
6 consisted of a medical and related professional office campus including up to 760,000 square
7 feet of medical and professional office space, a hospital and retail space. The SEPA
8 application also included an alternate project consisting of 155,000 square feet of retail space
9 and 200,000 square feet of medical and professional office space. On or about March 23,
10 2011, the City of Tacoma issued a Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance. On or about
11 July 27, 2011, the City of Tacoma issued a Final Mitigated Determination of Non-
12 Significance (SEP2010-40000156354) and Building Permit (grade and fill permit)
13 (BLD2010-40000156353).

14 16. Beginning in the first quarter of 2010, JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. began
15 working with a large medical services provider to be the primary occupant of the commercial
16 project on the Elks Lodge Property. That party became indecisive regarding its needs in the
17 spring of 2011 and communicated its final decision to not proceed with the project in July
18 2011.

19 17. Given the medical services provider's indecisiveness and subsequent decision
20 not to participate in the project, JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc. reviewed alternative uses
21 and occupants for the Elks Lodge Property and the entitlements and other approvals needed to
22 proceed with an alternative development. Among the requirements for both the originally
23 envisioned and alternative development projects was convenient access to the property by
24 vehicles traveling southbound on Union Avenue. AMI discussed this issue with City of
25 Tacoma officials, who recommended adding a U-Turn for southbound Union Avenue traffic
26 to improve accessibility. AMI agreed with that recommendation and, as requested by the City



1 officials, commissioned an engineering study and report. After reviewing the report and other
2 pertinent data, City officials placed the proposed U-Turn on the docket for the City Council's
3 Environmental and Public Works Committee on August 24, 2011, and recommended that it be
4 approved. At the August 24, 2011 hearing, however, Defendant Mello and other City Council
5 members posed questions unrelated to the traffic and public safety impacts of the proposed U-
6 Turn, demanding information on whether the proposed development of the Elks Lodge
7 Property included a "big box" retailer. Notwithstanding the absence of any testimony or other
8 information that raised public safety or other concerns within the purview of the
9 Environmental and Public Works Committee, the Committee rejected the U-Turn
10 recommendation and did not provide a "do pass" recommendation to the City Council. This
11 action was irrational, arbitrary and capricious, failed to serve a legitimate governmental
12 purpose, was done for an improper purpose – to delay and prevent AMI's entirely lawful
13 development project from proceeding – and was an improper means of accomplishing such
14 improper purpose. A decision on whether to approve the U-Turn proposal was scheduled for
15 the next City Council meeting, to be held on August 30, 2011.

16 18. On August 30, 2011, certain members of the Tacoma City Council attended a
17 Public Utility Board Study Session that included a bus ride to the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery.
18 In attendance for the August 30, 2011 Study Session and bus ride were Defendants Strickland,
19 Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell and Boe. The agenda for the Study Session did not include
20 any item relating to a moratorium on development or building activity in the City of Tacoma,
21 any item relating to proposed development at 1965 S. Union Avenue, or any item relating to
22 the U-Turn proposal. Nevertheless, during the August 30, 2011 Study Session and/or bus ride
23 Defendants Strickland, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell and Boe discussed and evaluated the
24 moratorium idea, the proposed development at 1965 S. Union Avenue, and the U-Turn
25 proposal and decided to present and adopt the Moratorium (hereafter defined) at the City
26 Council meeting to be held later that day and to remove the U-Turn proposal from the



1 meeting docket. These actions by Defendants Strickland, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell
2 and Boe violated the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW chapter 42.30, were done for an
3 improper purpose – to delay and prevent AMI’s entirely lawful development project from
4 proceeding – and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

5 19. At the regularly scheduled August 30, 2011 Tacoma City Council meeting held
6 after the Study Session concluded, Defendants Mello, Fey, Campbell and Walker introduced a
7 proposed ordinance that was not included on the published Agenda for the August 30, 2011
8 meeting or any other meeting. The proposal introduced at the August 30, 2011 City Council
9 Meeting was to adopt a city ordinance imposing a six-month moratorium, effective
10 immediately due to an alleged “public emergency,” on acceptance of applications for new
11 building or other development permits associated with the establishment, location or
12 permitting of combined format retail establishments within the City of Tacoma that exceed
13 65,000 square feet in the aggregate (“Moratorium”). The Moratorium was denominated as
14 City of Tacoma Ordinance No. 28014. City Council Members (and Defendants herein)
15 Strickland, Walker, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell, and Boe voted in favor of Ordinance
16 No. 28014. In addition to adding the Moratorium to the agenda for the August 30, 2011 City
17 Council Meeting, the U-Turn proposal was removed from the agenda.

18 20. The purpose and intent of the Moratorium, and of Defendants Strickland,
19 Walker, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell, and Boe in presenting and/or adopting the same at
20 the August 30, 2011 City Council Meeting, was to hinder, delay and prevent AMI from
21 moving forward with a “big box” retail development project at the Elks Lodge Property.
22 These actions were done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to delay and prevent
23 AMI’s entirely lawful development project from proceeding – and used improper means of
24 accomplishing such improper purpose.

25 21. Although neither the SEPA application nor the initial building permit (grade
26 and fill) application identified the anchor merchant for the proposed project, rumors had



1 circulated in or about August 2011 that Wal-Mart was the likely anchor merchant. At the
2 August 30, 2011 Tacoma City Council Meeting, and at other times, the Central Neighborhood
3 Council, a public entity, had stated that it strongly opposed allowing a Wal-Mart store in
4 Tacoma. At the time they presented and adopted the Moratorium, Defendants Strickland,
5 Walker, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell, and Boe had been informed and believed that the
6 likely anchor merchant for AMI's proposed development at the Elks Lodge Property was
7 Wal-Mart.

8 22. At its meeting on August 30, 2011, the Tacoma City Council, by a vote of
9 seven in favor (Defendants Strickland, Walker, Mello, Fey, Woodards, Campbell and Boe),
10 one abstaining (Council Member Spiro Manthou) and one absent (Council Member Joe
11 Lonergan), adopted Ordinance No. 28014. Pursuant to applicable law, however, Ordinance
12 No. 28014 could not take effect until publication in the Tacoma Daily Index, the City's
13 designated legal publication. Ordinance No. 28014 was published in the Tacoma Daily Index
14 on September 1, 2011 and took effect upon such publication.

15 23. On August 31, 2011, BCRA (as agent for Wal-Mart and AMI) filed with the
16 City of Tacoma an application for a building permit (No. 40000168923) together with related
17 applications and approvals to construct a new retail store of approximately 155,000 square
18 feet on the Elks Lodge Property that AMI was acquiring (the "Building Permit Application").
19 The Building Permit Application covered the entire Elks Lodge Property including not only
20 the portion on which the Wal-Mart store was to be constructed but also the portions which
21 AMI would be retaining and upon which AMI would be constructing improvements. AMI
22 paid the Building Permit Application fee and the City issued a receipt therefor to AMI.

23 24. The Building Permit Application was "complete" for purposes of RCW
24 19.27.095 and Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC") 13.05.010 when filed on August 31, 2011.
25 Because the Building Permit Application was complete when filed, AMI's and Wal-Mart's
26 rights to a building permit under the laws and ordinances in effect on August 31, 2011 (i.e.,



1 before the Moratorium took effect on September 1, 2011) were vested on August 31, 2011.

2 25. On September 16, 2011, the City advised that the Building Permit Application
3 was complete and vested to the codes in effect as of August 31, 2011 and contained sufficient
4 information for review to commence. However, the City also stated – without citation to the
5 Tacoma Municipal Code or any other legal authority – that the plat did not accurately reflect
6 the existing parcel configuration and that, because of the Moratorium, the City could not
7 accept an application for a boundary line adjustment or other plat-related submittal to change
8 the lot configuration and was placing the Building Permit Application on hold. These actions
9 by the City were irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to serve a
10 legitimate governmental purpose, were done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to
11 delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from proceeding –
12 and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

13 26. On or about September 27, 2011, AMI filed an application for a Boundary
14 Line Adjustment ("BLA") relating to the Building Permit Application. The BLA satisfied all
15 of the requirements set forth in TMC 13.04.085. Notwithstanding that the BLA satisfied all
16 applicable legal requirements, the City refused to accept the BLA for filing or processing.
17 This action by the City was irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to serve
18 a legitimate governmental purpose, was done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to
19 delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from proceeding –
20 and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

21 27. By letter dated September 27, 2011, AMI advised the City that its refusal to
22 accept and process the BLA would cause substantial damages to AMI including but not
23 limited to loss of money invested and lost profits.

24 28. By letter dated September 29, 2011, AMI requested reconsideration of the
25 City's decisions to refuse the BLA and to place the Building Permit Application on hold.

26 29. By letter dated October 7, 2011, addressed to counsel for AMI, the City



1 reaffirmed its decision to refuse to accept AMI's BLA "due to the City's moratorium on all
2 land use permit applications for retail facilities in excess of 65,000 square feet." With respect
3 to the Building Permit Application, the City's October 7, 2011 letter further stated:

4 "With respect to the referenced Building Permit Application we are requesting additional
5 information in order to proceed. As noted previously, from the City's perspective, there
6 are two options for how to proceed:

- 7 1. You can submit a revised application that accurately reflects the existing parcel
8 configuration and demonstrates how your proposed development meets code
9 requirements for that existing parcel configuration; or
- 10 2. You can agree to leave the City's review of your application in its current status
11 until the moratorium either expires or is terminated or modified so as to permit
12 acceptance and processing of a boundary line adjustment consistent with the
13 proposed configuration shown on your existing submittal."

14 This action by the City was irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to serve
15 a legitimate governmental purpose, was done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to
16 delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from proceeding –
17 and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

18 30. On October 14, 2011, AMI appealed the City's decision refusing to process the
19 Building Permit Application. On October 21, 2011, AMI appealed the City's decision to
20 refuse to accept and process the BLA.

21 31. At the City Council meeting held on October 25, 2011, City Council Member
22 Lonergan moved to exclude boundary line adjustments from the effect of the Moratorium.
23 The motion was seconded but, after discussion, was tabled to the following week's meeting.
24 Council Member Lonergan noted that the Moratorium had been introduced because the City
25 Council had heard that a big box retailer was going in to the Elks Lodge Property and wanted
26 to stop that from happening. City Council Member Manthou stated that the Moratorium had
been directed solely at Wal-Mart.

32. At the City Council meeting held on November 1, 2011, the Council voted to
modify the Moratorium to "not apply to . . . boundary line adjustments." This modification of



1 the Moratorium was embodied in Substitute Ordinance No. 28027, which took effect on or
2 about November 11, 2011.

3 33. On November 2, 2011, AMI resubmitted the BLA to the City. On or about
4 November 14, 2011, the BLA was approved. On December 27, 2011, the BLA was recorded.

5 34. On or about November 14, 2011, two and one-half months after the Building
6 Permit Application had been filed, the City released its hold on the Building Permit
7 Application and finally commenced review of the same. The City's delay in commencing
8 review of the Building Permit Application from at least September 16, 2011 – the date the
9 City confirmed that the Building Permit Application was complete and vested – through
10 November 14, 2011 was irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to serve a
11 legitimate governmental purpose, was done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to
12 delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from proceeding –
13 and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

14 35. On or about December 28, 2011, the City issued a Mitigated Determination of
15 Non-significance (MDNS) Adoption of and Addendum to an Existing Environmental
16 Document (SEP2011-40000172768).

17 36. On or about February 3, 2012, the City advised that the building permit was
18 close to being ready for issuance but was subject, however, to numerous newly imposed
19 conditions applicable to AMI, including but not limited to conditions that (a) the plans for
20 construction on Lots 2-5 (that is, all portions of the Elks Lodge Property other than the Wal-
21 Mart parcel, which was denominated as Lot 1) be submitted on or before the grading and
22 erosion control inspection for the building on Lot 1, (b) the approved plans for construction
23 on Lots 2-5 be picked up and paid for on or before the foundation inspection for the building
24 on Lot 1, (c) an approved foundation inspection for buildings on Lots 2-5 be completed on or
25 before the framing inspection for the building on Lot 1, and (d) the final inspection for the
26 buildings on Lots 2-5 be completed on or before the final inspection for the building on Lot 1.



1 These actions by the City were irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to
 2 serve a legitimate governmental purpose, were done for an improper purpose – a naked
 3 attempt to delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from
 4 proceeding – and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

5 37. On March 12, 2012, after objections were made by AMI and Wal-Mart, the
 6 newly imposed conditions were removed and the building permit was finally issued to
 7 construct a 152,243 square foot building for Wal-Mart on Lot 1, and for site and other
 8 improvements to be constructed by AMI on Lots 2-5.

9 38. Defendants John Doe 1-20 purposely hindered and delayed the processing of
 10 the Building Permit Application, the BLA and the SEPA application and imposed
 11 requirements not contained in the Tacoma Municipal Code or other applicable laws. On
 12 information and belief, in so acting to hinder and delay such applications, Defendants John
 13 Doe 1-20 acted at the request and direction of Defendants Mello and Fey and possibly other
 14 defendants, with the purpose and intent to damage AMI and delay or prevent the project.
 15 These actions were irrational, arbitrary and capricious, contrary to law, failed to serve a
 16 legitimate governmental purpose, were done for an improper purpose – a naked attempt to
 17 delay and prevent AMI's vested and entirely lawful development project from proceeding –
 18 and used improper means of accomplishing such improper purpose.

19 39. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' actions as stated above, the
 20 Building Permit Application was wrongfully placed on hold and issuance of the building
 21 permit was wrongfully delayed, the BLA was wrongfully rejected for filing and processing,
 22 and the SEPA Addendum was wrongfully hindered and delayed.

23 40. By reason of the foregoing wrongful acts by defendants, AMI has sustained
 24 damages consisting of (a) an increased price to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, (b)
 25 payments made to the Elks to extend the duration of AMI's option to purchase the Elks Lodge
 26 Property, which payments were not applicable to the purchase price, (c) a decreased purchase



price paid for the portion of the Elks Lodge Property sold to Wal-Mart, and (d) other incidental and consequential damages, all in an amount to be proved at trial, but which is expected to exceed \$1,800,000.

41. AMI filed a Claim for Damages Form with the City of Tacoma on August 19, 2014 pursuant to RCW chapter 4.96. Sixty calendar days have elapsed since the Claim for Damages Form was filed.

IV. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

FIRST CLAIM: VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983

(Deprivation of Plaintiff's Federal Constitutional Rights)

42. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference herein the allegations of paragraphs 1-41 above.

43. Plaintiff had property rights and interests in and to the Elks Lodge Property, including but not limited to (a) the right to use and enjoy the land, (b) the right to develop the property, (c) the right to obtain a building permit under the laws in effect when its Building Permit Application was submitted (i.e., vested rights), (d) the right to obtain a boundary line adjustment in accordance with TMC 13.04.085 upon submittal of its BLA, and (e) procedural rights arising from the Tacoma Municipal Code, the Open Public Meetings Law and other applicable laws that placed significant substantive restrictions on the City's decision-making with respect to the Building Permit Application, the BLA, and AMI's other project-related permit applications (individually and collectively, "Property Rights").

44. Plaintiff's Property Rights were guaranteed and protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

45. Plaintiff's Property Rights were clearly established at the time of the wrongful acts alleged herein.

46. Defendants deprived Plaintiff of its Property Rights without due process of law.



1 47. Defendants' actions were irrational or arbitrary, in violation of Plaintiff's
2 substantive due process rights, and singled Plaintiff out for discriminatory treatment.

3 48. Defendants deprived Plaintiff of Plaintiff's constitutionally protected Property
4 Rights without procedural due process of law. Defendants' denial of procedural due process
5 included, but was not necessarily limited to, failing to provide Plaintiff with adequate process
6 before meeting secretly and deciding to adopt the Moratorium and to remove Plaintiff's U-
7 Turn proposal from the agenda for the August 30, 2011 City Council Meeting, in violation of
8 the Washington Open Meetings Act, RCW chapter 42.30; and the attempted last-minute
9 imposition of newly-invented conditions to building permit issuance that were not contained
10 in applicable law and had not been applied to any prior application.

11 49. Defendants denied Plaintiff the equal protection of the laws, in violation of the
12 Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Defendants singled Plaintiff and
13 Plaintiff's project out for discriminatory treatment. Others subject to the Moratorium were
14 issued building permits, yet AMI, whose project was not subject to the Moratorium, had its
15 BLA and Building Permit Applications held up for months. The City's asserted rationale for
16 the Moratorium was pretextual; the Moratorium was intended to stop AMI's project alone.
17 Defendants' actions were done intentionally, lacked a rational basis and/or were motivated by
18 an improper purpose.

19 50. Defendants' actions harmed Plaintiff.

20 51. In depriving Plaintiff of its constitutionally protected Property Rights,
21 Defendants acted under color of state law pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

22 52. In taking the actions described above, the Individual Defendants and
23 Defendants John Doe 1-20 were driven by evil motive or intent and/or showed a reckless or
24 callous indifference to AMI's constitutional rights, and are liable for punitive damages.

25 53. By reason of the foregoing, all Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for (a)
26 compensatory damages including (i) an increased price to purchase the Elks Lodge Property,



(ii) payments made to the Elks to extend the duration of AMI's option to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, which payments were not applicable to the purchase price, (iii) a decreased purchase price paid for the portion of the Elks Lodge Property sold to Wal-Mart, and (iv) other incidental and consequential damages, all in an amount to be proved at trial, but which is expected to exceed \$1,800,000, plus prejudgment interest; (b) the Individual Defendants and Defendants John Doe 1-20 are liable for punitive damages; and (c) all Defendants are liable for Plaintiff's reasonable attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 and for Plaintiff's taxable costs.

**SECOND CLAIM: TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH
CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP AND BUSINESS EXPECTANCY**

54. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference herein the allegations of paragraphs 1-53 above.

55. As assignee of JLO Washington Enterprises, Inc., Plaintiff had a valid contractual relationship with the Elks to purchase the Elks Lodge Property at an agreed price. Plaintiff's assigned interest was effective not later than May 26, 2011.

56. Plaintiff also had a valid business expectancy that it would sell a portion of the Elks Lodge Property to Wal-Mart for an agreed upon price.

57. On or before August 30, 2011, Defendants had knowledge of Plaintiff's valid contractual relationship with the Elks and Plaintiff's valid business expectancy with Wal-Mart.

58. Defendants intentionally interfered with Plaintiff's contractual relationship with the Elks and Plaintiff's business expectancy with Wal-Mart, which interference induced or caused modifications to the contractual relationship and the business expectancy that were materially adverse to Plaintiff and which, if not agreed to, would have resulted in the complete breach or termination of Plaintiff's contractual relationship and Plaintiff's business expectancy.



59. Defendants interfered with Plaintiff's contractual relationship with the Elks and Plaintiff's business expectancy with Wal-Mart for an improper purpose and/or used improper means.

60. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff sustained damages.

61. Defendants are liable to Plaintiff for (a) compensatory damages including (i) an increased price to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, (ii) payments made to the Elks to extend the duration of AMI's option to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, which payments were not applicable to the purchase price, (iii) a decreased purchase price paid for the portion of the Elks Lodge Property sold to Wal-Mart, and (iv) other incidental and consequential damages, all in an amount to be proved at trial, but which is expected to exceed \$1,800,000, plus prejudgment interest; and (b) Plaintiff's taxable costs.

THIRD CLAIM: CIVIL CONSPIRACY

62. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference herein the allegations of paragraphs 1-61 above.

63. The Individual Defendants and Defendants John Doe 1-20 conspired and agreed to try to "kill" Plaintiff's vested and entirely lawful development project – that is, Defendants conspired and agreed to take actions to defeat the project and prevent it from ever being realized or constructed.

64. The Individual Defendants and Defendants John Doe 1-20 sought to accomplish the objective of their conspiracy by unlawful means, including but not limited to wrongfully refusing to accept and process the BLA and then placing a hold on the Building Permit Application on the grounds that the BLA could not be processed, deliberately stalling and delaying action on the Building Permit Application and the BLA, treating Plaintiff differently than other permit applicants, treating the Building Permit Application and the BLA as if they were subject to the Moratorium when said Defendants knew or should have known that they were not, creating and imposing new conditions to permit issuance that had no basis



1 in applicable law and were not applied to other permit applicants, depriving Plaintiff of its
 2 Property Rights without due process of law, and in other respects to be proven at trial.

3 65. The conspiracy as above alleged harmed Plaintiff.

4 66. By reason of the foregoing, the Individual Defendants and Defendants John
 5 Doe 1-20 are liable to Plaintiff for (a) compensatory damages including (i) an increased price
 6 to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, (ii) payments made to the Elks to extend the duration of
 7 AMI's option to purchase the Elks Lodge Property, which payments were not applicable to
 8 the purchase price, (iii) a decreased purchase price paid for the portion of the Elks Lodge
 9 Property sold to Wal-Mart, and (iv) other incidental and consequential damages, all in an
 10 amount to be proved at trial, but which is expected to exceed \$1,800,000, plus prejudgment
 11 interest; and (b) Plaintiff's taxable costs.

12 **V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Allenmore Medical Investors, LLC prays for relief as
 14 follows:

15 A. For judgment against Defendants, and each of them, jointly and severally, for
 16 Plaintiff's compensatory damages in an amount to be proved at trial;

17 B. For an award of punitive damages against the Individual Defendants and
 18 Defendants John Doe 1-20, and each of them, jointly and severally, to punish them for their
 19 wrongful actions against AMI and deter them from similar unlawful conduct in the future;

20 C. For an award of prejudgment interest;

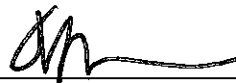
21 D. For an award of Plaintiff's reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §
 22 1988 and Plaintiff's taxable costs; and

23 E. For such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
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1 DATED: December 12, 2014.

2 RAFEL LAW GROUP PLLC

3 By 
4 Anthony L. Rafel, WSBA # 13194
5 Tyler B. Ellrodt, WSBA # 10638

6 Attorneys for Plaintiff Allenmore Medical
7 Investors, LLC

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9 Proof of Service

10 I certify that Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint was served upon defendants'
11 counsel, Jean P. Homan, via the Court's ECF system.

12 DATED: December 12, 2014.

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14 Anthony L. Rafel, WSBA # 13194

